World Bank Assistance for Garment Industry

†2348-B. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether World Bank has identified the Indian garment industry for providing financial assistance;

(b) if so, whether World Bank feels that the garment industry in the country offers tremendous scope for growth, both domestic and export;

(c) if so, what is the total amount of aid which the World Bank has agreed to provide to assist the garment industry; and

(d) how this loan of the World Bank is proposed to be utilised by the garment industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Leakage of Poisonous Gas.

‡2348-C. MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government are aware that the Maharashtra Government is deeply concerned for non-enforcement by the Central Government of the existing laws and regulation for minimising the chances of leakage of poisonous gases and chemical explosions;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Central Government that the equipment and storage tanks of most of the chemical plants, breweries and coal mines are aged increasing the chances of leakage and explosions;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Central Government in this regard;

(d) what is the number of cases of gas leakage and explosions in Maharashtra during the last six months; and the number of persons died and injured in these accidents with the names of the factories where the accidents took place; and

(e) what corrective steps are proposed to be taken by the Central Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (e): Information is being collected.

12.00 Noon.

RULING BY CHAIRMAN—

On Privilege Notices given by Members in Ram Swaroop Case

MR. CHAIRMAN: Just before the current session commenced, I had received privileges notices given by Shri P. Upendra, Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy, Shri Pyarelal Khandelwal and Shri S. P. Malaviya pointing out that their names were mentioned in the charge-sheet in the Ram Swaroop espionage case which had been given wide publicity thereby tarnishing their public image and deterring them from discharging their duties as Members of Parliament. Referring to certain excerpts from the charge-sheet, Shri Khandelwal and Shri Milaviya stated that their conduct as Members was sought to be questioned by implying in the charge-sheet that they have been putting quesions in Parliament at he behest of certain foreign powers and had

†Previously Unstarred Question 2054, transferred from the 17th March, 1986.

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